

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:

1. A collection device comprising:
a vessel for holding a fluid substance, wherein the vessel comprises an open
5 end, a closed end and a side wall having an inner surface; and
a cap having means for positioning a specimen retrieval device along the inner
surface of the vessel when the cap is fixedly associated with the vessel.
2. The collection device of claim 1, wherein the specimen retrieval device
10 is a swab having a handle member.
3. The collection device of claim 2, wherein the handle member includes
a score line to facilitate removing a portion of the handle prior to fixedly associating the cap
with the vessel.
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4. The collection device of claim 1, wherein the cap includes a penetrable
portion that can be penetrated by a fluid transfer device.
5. The collection device of claim 4, wherein the fluid transfer device is
20 a plastic pipette tip.
6. The collection device of claim 5, wherein the penetrable portion of the
cap can be penetrated by the pipette tip with the application of less than 8 pounds force.
7. The collection device of claim 4 further comprising a wick for
25 inhibiting the release of an aerosol or bubbles from the collection device.
8. The collection device of claim 7, wherein the wick is a pile fabric.
9. The collection device of claim 7, wherein the cap includes a seal for
30 retaining the wick within the cap.

10. The collection device of claim 4, wherein the penetrable portion of the cap includes a plurality of radially extending striations.

11. The collection device of claim 1, wherein the cap and the vessel include mated threads and the cap is screwed onto the vessel.

12. The collection device of claim 11 further comprising the specimen retrieval device contained therein.

13. The collection device of claim 1, wherein the cap and the vessel are each formed from a plastic resin.

14. A kit comprising the collection device of claim 1 in packaged combination with a specimen retrieval device.

15. The kit of claim 14, wherein the specimen retrieval device is a swab having a handle member.

16. The kit of claim 15, wherein the handle member includes a score line to facilitate removing a portion of the handle prior to fixedly associating the cap with the vessel.

17. The kit of claim 14, wherein the cap includes a penetrable portion that can be penetrated by a fluid transfer device.

18. The kit of claim 17, wherein the fluid transfer device is a plastic pipette tip.

19. The kit of claim 18, wherein the penetrable portion of the cap can be penetrated by the pipette tip with the application of less than 8 pounds force.

20. The kit of claim 17 further comprising a wick for inhibiting the release of an aerosol or bubbles from the kit.

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21. The kit of claim 20, wherein the wick is a pile fabric.

22. The kit of claim 20, wherein the cap includes a seal for retaining the wick within the cap.

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23. The kit of claim 17, wherein the penetrable portion of the cap includes a plurality of radially extending striations.

24. The kit of claim 14, wherein the cap and the vessel include mated threads and the cap is screwed onto the vessel.

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25. The collection device of claim 14, wherein the cap and the vessel are each formed from a plastic resin.